



NordWool 2026 workshop – PROGRAM – Wednesday 11th of February

9:00-13:00	Field trip	
	<p>1. Navia: one of the biggest yarn producers on the Faroe Islands. The owner also runs the family farm with sheep and tourism. We will visit Navia's shop, where they sell yarn, sweaters etc., and we will see their 3D knitting machines. If the weather allows, we will also visit the sheep barn. Coffee break included.</p> <p>2. Dairy and sheep farm, with milk as main production. We will visit the café for lunch, where we can sit and look down at the cows and calves. At the farm shop you will find cheese from their own milk, and yarn from their own sheep.</p>	<p>Oyrarnar 10 FO-650 Toftir www.navia.fo</p> <p>Varmakeldugarðurin FO-512 Norðragøta (Facebook, Instagram)</p>
14:00-17:00	SESSION 2: Characteristics and potential of Nordic landrace breeds	
14:00-14:20	Opening remarks and welcome, Tróndur G. Leivsson (Director, Búnaðarstovan, The Faroe Islands)	Búnaðarstovan, Frammi í Dal 166, FO-410 Kollafjørður
14:20-14:40	Overview of the Nordic breeds, Maria Kjetså (Senior Scientist, NordGen)	
14:40-15:00	Genetic studies of wool colour in Swedish sheep breeds, Anna Maria Johansson (Associate Professor, SLU, Sweden)	
15:00-15:20	Genetic studies of the Old Norse Sheep, Cathrine Brekke (Postdoctoral Researcher, NMBU, Norway)	
15:20-15:40	Current wool projects in NordGen, Mervi Honkatukia (Section Leader, NordGen)	
15:40-16:00	Genomic characterisation of Nordic Landrace sheep breeds, NoLa Sheep – the data so far, Ellen White (PhD Student, NordGen)	
16:00-16:30	Coffee break	
16:30-17:00	Discussion on the status of sheep and wool in Nordics (moderator Anne Kettunen , Senior Scientist, NordGen)	
19:00-late	Social dinner at a local restaurant	



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9:00-13:00	SESSION 3: Wool quality aspects and insights from key sectors	
9:00-9:20	The Faroese sheep sector, Jens Ivan í Gerðinum (Agricultural Advisor, Head of Department, Búnaðarstovan, The Faroe Islands)	
9:20-10:00	Keynote presentation: Information about the Norwegian wool grading system, and key wool characteristics of different type og Norwegian wool, Siv Heia Uldal (Head of Norwegian Wool Advising Office, Animalia, Norway)	
10:00-10:45	Coffee break	
10:45-12:15	Country overviews (listed in the rows below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Wool Systems and grading methods Production: volume estimates and production systems Processing practices and industry landscape Key challenges and future opportunities 	Búnaðarstovan
10:45-11:15	Faroe Islands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faroese wool collection and yarn production on the Faroe Islands, Dorthea Joensen (Secretary, Búnaðarstovan) Future use and demand for Faroese wool products: Industry perspectives, Óla Kristian á Torkilsheyggi (Chief Executive Officer, Navia) 	
11:15-11:30	Finland: Native Breeds and Wool in Finland and in Northern Europe, Satu Kumpulainen (Sheep Farmer/Wool Expert, Isokummun kehräämö)	
11:30-11:45	Iceland: Icelandic wool: Production, characteristics, sorting and utilization, Emma Eyþórsdóttir (former Associate Professor, Agricultural University of Iceland)	
11:45-12:00	Norway: Wool from Norway's conservation sheep breeds – the complete wool value chain, Ingvild Espelien (Project Leader, Selbu Spinnery)	

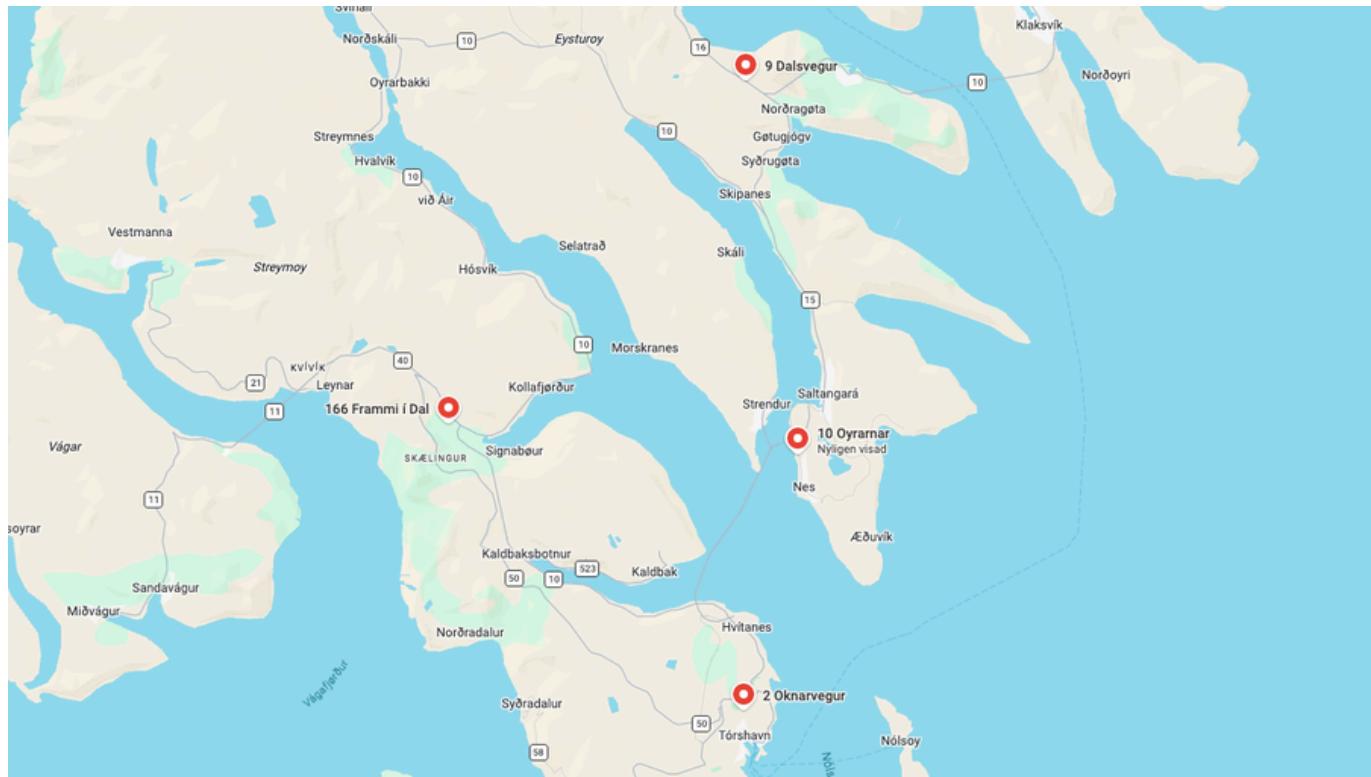


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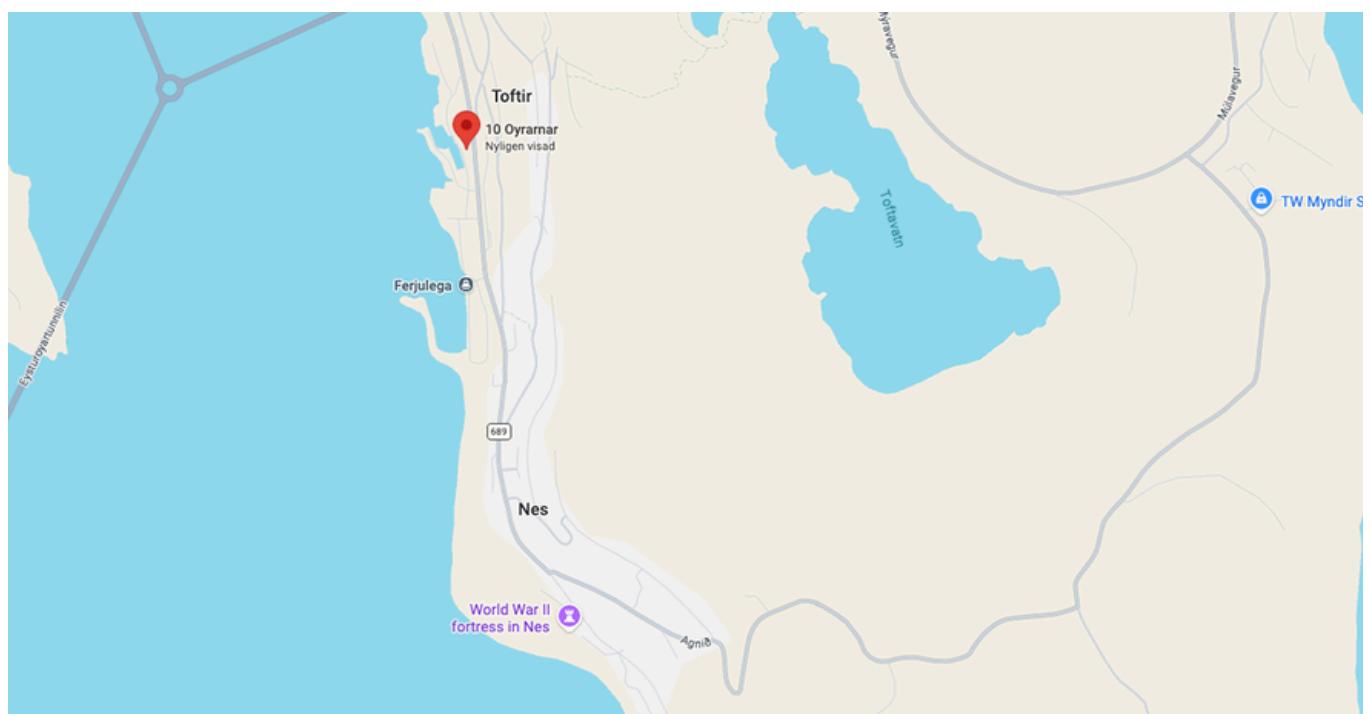
12:00-12:15	Sweden: Swedish Wool on the move - systems, grading and the future of the fiber, Liselotte Öhring (Wool Consultant and Apprentice Wool Grader, Hällunge UII)	Búnaðarstovan
12:15-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-17:00	SESSION 4: Stakeholder spotlight – bring, show and share!	
13:00-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands-on wool evaluation led by Satu Kumpulainen, Ingvild Espelien and Joana V. Bjarnastein Basic facts and background for hands-on wool evaluation, Siv Heia Uldal (Head of Norwegian Wool Advising Office, Animalia, Norway) Comparison of existing grading systems (Norwegian and Swedish) – with demonstrations Sorting of local wool – a hands-on activity with practical guidance and active exchange of knowledge among participants, special focus on Faroese wool <p>Coffee break is incorporated in the session</p>	<p>Active participation encouraged!</p> <p>Stakeholders are invited to bring wool, fleece, yarn, and crafted items (knitted, woven, or felted products) to showcase and spark conversation.</p> <p>An opportunity to explore the exhibition.</p>
16:30-16:50	Guidance of collection of representative wool samples – discussion and demonstration of best practices (led by Ingvild Espelien)	<p>The session is open to the public.</p>
16:50-17:00	Closing remarks – The day's insights and reflections, and a look ahead at future opportunities within NordWool network (Anne Kettunen , NordGen)	



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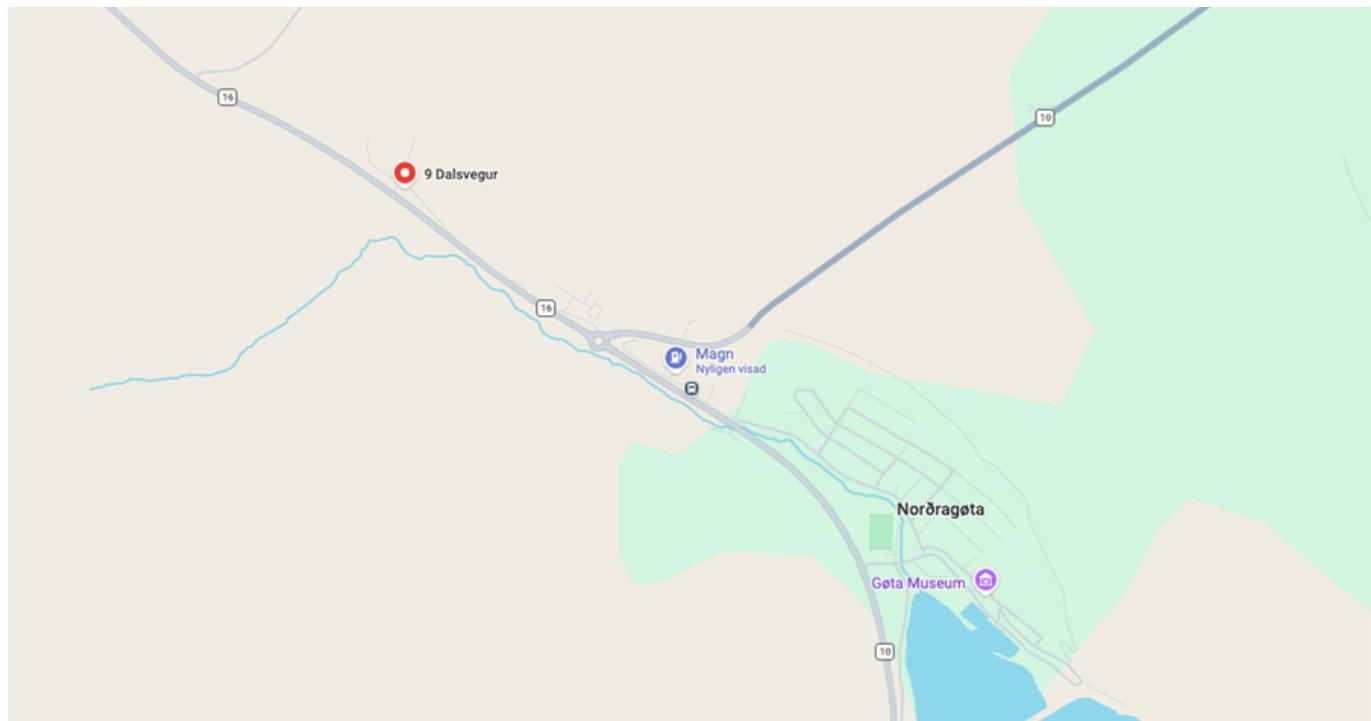
1. OVERVIEW. The four locations included in the workshop.



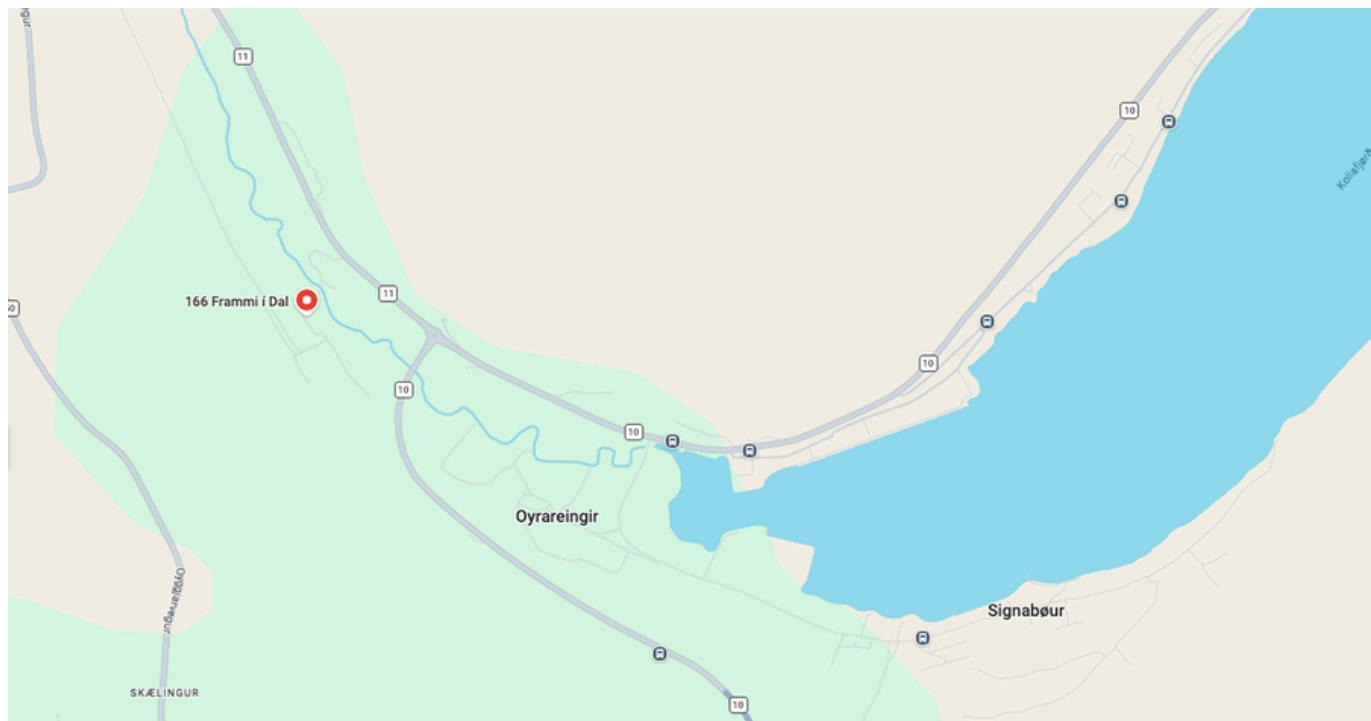
2. FIELD TRIP. Navia, yarn producer (Oyrarnar 10, FO-650 Toftir).



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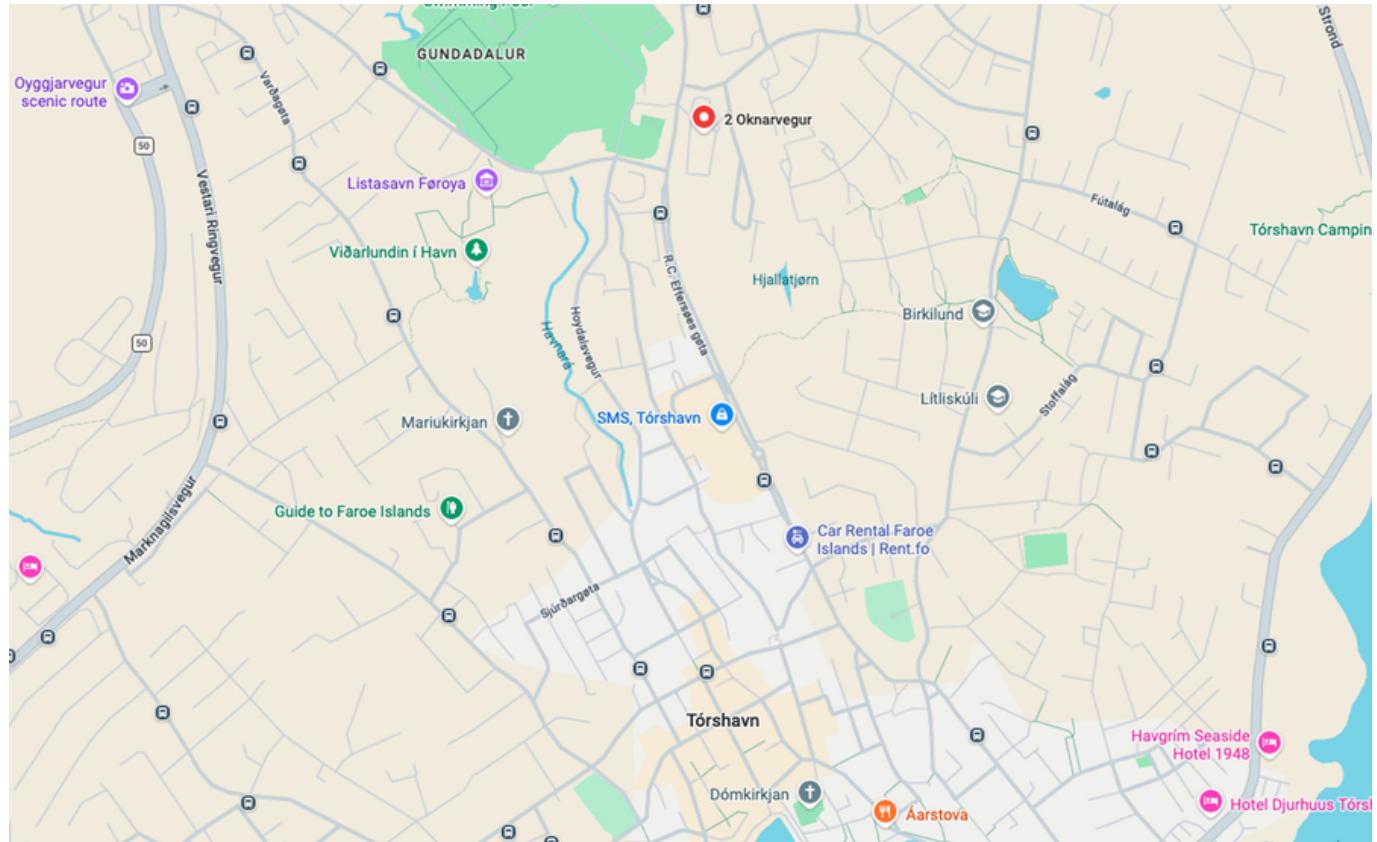
3. FIELD TRIP. Dairy and sheep farm (Varmakeldugarðurin, FO-512 Norðragöta).



4. MEETING ROOM. Búnaðarstovan (Frammi í Dal 166, FO-410 Kollafjörður).



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5. HOTEL. Hotel Brandan (Oknarvegur 2, FO -100, Tórshavn).